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INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

SUBJECT Explosion in Potassium Sulphate Works/USSR Absorption of Potash Production

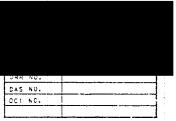
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"For the past six weeks the USSR has apparently been absorbing most of the potash production of Germany (Soviet Zone) getting deliveries of sulphate of potash and muriate of potash.

"On 7 Jul 53 there was a severe explosion in the potassium sulphate works causing great damage. The works is located southeast of Berlin in the Soviet Zone, approximately fifty to sixty miles from Magdeburg on the Elbe River. 3,000 tons of potassium sulphate have been delayed by this explosion.

"Huckstadt, the Managing Director of DIA, US elthrugh his circumstances force him to get along with the Soviets, ce 3,000 tons of muriate of potash which is presently available to circumvent the UBSR, as he fears the possibility that kneed may probibit shipments in the near future."

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